

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Stephen William ROBERTS

CIP of Appln. No.: 09/708,452

Confirmation No.: 1594

Group Art Unit: 2874 (parent)

Filed: January 18, 2002

Examiner: UNKNOWN

For: CONTROLLING BIREFRINGENCE IN AN OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE  
AND IN AN ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

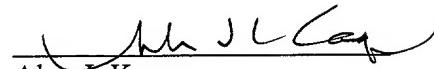
Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/708,452 filed November 9, 2000;  
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification is changed as follows:

**Page 1, paragraph 1:**

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